

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. *Claims 1-2, 4-8, and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hou et al. (US 2005/0057716) in view of Wang et al. (US 2004/0263767).*

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Response:

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically, the limitation of "removing a sealant outside a liquid crystal injection area" originally recited in claim 3 has been added to claim 1. No new matter is entered.

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The Examiner has acknowledged that the limitations recited in claim 3 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form in the Office action. Thus, the amended claim 1 should be allowed. Reconsideration of claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

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Claims 2, 4, 7-8, and 12-13 are dependent on the amended claim 1 while claims 5-6 are dependent on claim 4. Claims 2, 4-8, and 12-13 should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claims 2, 4-8, and 12-13 is politely requested.

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2. *Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hou et al. (US 2005/0057716) and Wang et al. (US 2004/0263767) in view of Sasaki et al. (US 7086175).*

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Response:

Claims 9-11 are dependent on the amended claim 1, and should be

allowed if the amended claim 1 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claims 9-11 is therefore requested.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

- 5 *Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.*

Response:

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Claim 3 is included in claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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